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Shall I wait till the WAR is over?

"Think I'll try to make my Evenings worth Something"

"Ought to put over that Money-making Idea"

"Some Day I'm going to Start Out for Myself!"

"Believe I'll do some Good Reading"

"Think I'll change my Job"

The Man with the "Grasshopper Mind"



You know this man as well as you know YOURSELF. His mind nibbles at EVERYTHING and masters NOTHING.

At home in the evening he tunes in the radio—listens to the war news—gets tired of it—then glances through a MAGAZINE—can't get interested. Finally, unable to CONCENTRATE on anything, he either goes to the MOVIES or FALLS ASLEEP in his chair.

He always takes up the EASIEST thing first, puts it down when it gets HARD and starts something else. JUMPS from ONE THING to ANOTHER all the time!

There are thousands of these PEOPLE WITH GRASSHOPPER MINDS. In fact many of them are engaged in war production, where it is so essential for every individual to produce at full capacity right up to the day of victory. Even in our Armed Forces many receive training to correct the mental habits and handicaps of a GRASSHOPPER MIND.

People with GRASSHOPPER MINDS, do the world's CLERICAL WORK, and routine drudgery. Day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year—ENDLESSLY—they HANG ON to the jobs that are smallest-salaried, longest-houred, least interesting, and poorest-future!

If YOU have a "grasshopper mind" you know that this is TRUE. And you know WHY it is true. A MAN WHO HARKS at striding to ONE THING FOR MORE THAN A FEW MINUTES surely cannot be depended upon to get anywhere in his YEARS of life!

The TRAGEDY of it all is this: you know that RIGHT NOW you are merely jumping HERE AND THERE. Yet you also know you have WITHIN YOU the intelligence, the earnestness, and the persistence that can take you to a higher place in life!

What is WRONG? WHAT'S holding you back? Just one fact: That is all! And when you know what it IS, then you can begin to develop your thinking and better prepare yourself for the race toward prosperity and independence.

This fact is one which has been stated by our foremost psychologists. You are using only a fraction of your BRAINPOWER!

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Former Chairman National War Labor Board

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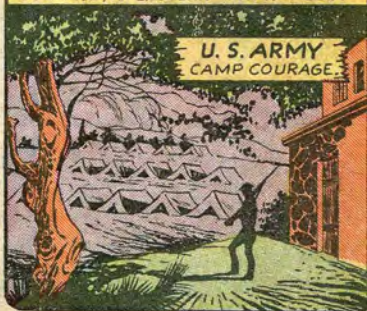
ADMIRAL LORD BERESFORD
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"I judge the PELMAN System from experience . . . in the Royal Navy . . . I should describe the System as accumulating self-reliance and the perfecting of the mind, memory and mental equipment generally."

Major Victory



A LONE SENTRY PACES HIS POST AT CAMP COURAGE, AN EASTERN ARMY POST.



U. S. ARMY
CAMP COURAGE

THAT LIGHT IN THE
ARSENAL LOOKS
MIGHTY FISHY...
I'LL HAVE A LOOK.



REACH FOR THE
SKY, OR I'LL





THIS FOR YOU!

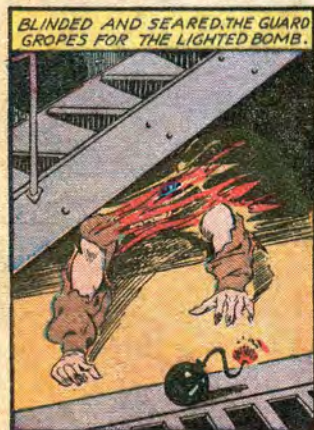


CRASHING INTO THE FACE OF THE GUARD, THE LANTERN EXPLODES SETTING HIM AFIRE.

MY FACE!



THE BOMB! IT'S SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE... I'VE GOT TO FIND IT!



BLINDED AND SEARED, THE GUARD GROPE'S FOR THE LIGHTED BOMB.



AH! I'VE GOT IT!



FEARLESSLY, HE DRAWS IT CLOSER TO CRUSH THE SPUTTERING FUSE...



BUT TOO LATE... A VIOLENT EXPLOSION SHATTERS THE ARSENAL TO BITS.



MYSTERIOUSLY, FROM THE SMOKING WRECKAGE, TWO GHOSTLY FIGURES RISE WITH THE GUARD'S BODY.



... AND BRING HIM BEFORE THE FEET OF AN AGE OLD PATRIARCH.

WE HAVE BROUGHT THE HEROIC SOLDIER, FATHER PATRIOT.



WELL DONE.
NOW TO GIVE HIM
LIFE! RING THE
LIBERTY BELL!



MAGICALLY, THE STROKE
OF THE BELL REVIVES
THE UNCONSCIOUS
FIGURE.

WH...WHO ARE YOU?
WHERE AM I?



WHAT IS THIS
PLACE?



I AM FATHER PATRIOT...A
SPIRIT BORN IN 1776. YOU
HAVE BEEN SPARED DEATH...
BECAUSE OF YOUR COURAGE
AND FEARLESSNESS LISTEN....



THROUGH THE YEARS MEN
HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES SO
AMERICA SHALL LIVE ON.
THEY MUST **NOT** HAVE DIED
IN VAIN.... NOR THEIR WORK
UNDONE! GET
INTO THESE!



GO FORTH, **MAJOR
VICTORY**... STRIKE AND
STRIKE HARD! WHEN
I NEED YOU I'LL STRIKE
THE BELL... ONLY YOU
SHALL HEAR IT!



A BURST OF LIGHTNING, A RUMBLE
OF THUNDER... AND MAJOR...



VICTORY FINDS HIMSELF ATOP
A MOUNTAIN.

A WIRELESS SHACK AND AN
AIRPLANE HANGAR... A PERFECT
HIDEOUT! FATHER
PATRIOT THINKS OF
EVERYTHING!



BUT, MILES AWAY FROM THE RE-
TREAT, IN THE TOWN OF ALUMINO,
NAMED AFTER THE PRECIOUS
METAL MINED THERE...

ALUMINO
KILNS

A SINISTER BAND HEADED BY THE NOTORIOUS BARON VON KRUMM, GATHERS AT THE OUTSKIRTS.



KNOWN FOR YOUR RUTHLESSNESS AND DARING... YOU PICKED AGENTS ARE TO SERVE OUR LEADER NOBLY.

AMERICAN ARMS PRODUCTION FLOWS TOO FREELY! THE MINES OF ALUMINO MUST BE DESTROYED. THE POWERHOUSE, RAILROAD AND COMMUNICATION CENTER WILL BE TAKEN OVER FIRST... THEN OUR BOMBERS WILL GO TO WORK!



THAT NIGHT AT THE RAILROAD STATION.



UGGGGHHH!

THE RAILROAD STATION IS IN OUR HANDS, BARON.



KEEP ALL NEW ARRIVALS IN THE STATION. THE REST OF YOU FOLLOW ME.



THE ATTACK ON THE POWERHOUSE.

KILL THE DOGS WHO DARE TO RESIST!

WHILE INSIDE ALUMINO'S BROADCASTING STATION, A POPULAR PROGRAM IS ABOUT TO BE PUT ON THE AIR.



AND NOW LADIES AND GENTLEMEN... WE ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN THIS EVENING'S PROGRAM WITH A MESSAGE FROM OUR.....

SUDDENLY...



IN THE NAME OF OUR LEADER... STRIKE DOWN THOSE WHO RESIST!



I'LL TUNE IT DOWN SO THE BROADCAST WILL ONLY BE HEARD LOCALLY.

ATTENTION... ALUMINO IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF MY MEN. I, VON KRUMM, ORDER EVERYONE TO REMAIN INDOORS AT ALL TIMES. AFTER DESTROYING THE ALUMINO MINES... YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO.....



ALUMINO... THAT TOWN SHOULD BE LISTED IN ONE OF THESE MAPS.



FAR AWAY IN HIS MOUNTAIN RETREAT, MAJOR VICTORY IS TUNING IN HIS RADIO.

H'MMM LET'S SEE WHAT THIS SUPER RECEIVER CAN PICK UP!



ALUMINO CALLING AMERICA... TOWN IN THE HANDS OF FIFTH COLUMNISTS... ALUMINO MINES TO BE BLOWN-UP... CITIZENS IN DANGER....

SOUNDS LIKE IT'S COMING FROM A HOME-MADE TRANSMITTER!



ALUMINO... HERE IT IS! I CAN GET THERE IN NO TIME, BY PLANE.



IN HIS POWERFUL PLANE, MAJOR VICTORY TAKES OFF FOR THE TROUBLE CENTER.



AND A SHORT WHILE LATER.

H'MMM.. THIS MUST BE ALUMINO.



WHILE BELOW, ARMED AGENTS BREAK INTO A HOUSE.

ALL IS LOST... WE'VE BEEN DISCOVERED! THEY'RE CALLING FOR HELP.. MACHINE GUNNERS OPEN...



BUT SUDDENLY....

WHAT IS THIS?

MAJOR VICTORY... OVER ALL THE ENEMIES OF AMERICA!





HOW'S THAT FOR STRONG ARM WORK?



THAT'S THE YANKEE DOODLE SPECIAL!



THE MIGHTY VICTORY'S SMASHING ATTACK STIRS THE CITIZENS...

A MIRACLE... WHERE DID HE COME FROM?

WE CAN'T STAND BY IDLY... SEIZE THE SCATTERED ARMS.



SUDDENLY THEY RALLY TO THE SIDE OF THEIR NEW CHAMPION.

AND SOON THE ATTACKERS ARE SUBDUED...

AND THIS RAT VON KRUMM CUT US OFF FROM THE REST OF AMERICA! HE'S OUT TO DESTROY THE ALUMINO MINES... TO HALT PLANE PRODUCTION!

THAT'S TOO BIG A JOB FOR ONE MAN! I'M.....



BARON VON CRUMM CALLING! ALL AGENTS REPORT TO PLANES! WE ARE READY TO DESTROY THE MINES AND.....



IT'S THE FINAL ORDER... WE'RE DOOMED!

NOT YET! I'VE GOT A PLANE OUTSIDE AND THE GUNS ARE ITCHING FOR A CHANCE AT THOSE BABIES.

LOSING NO TIME, THE MIGHTY VICTORY'S PLANE ROARS OFF.



I'LL HAVE TO HEAD THEM OFF BEFORE THEY GET TO THE MINES!



THROWING THE ENEMY PILOT OUT...



THERE ISN'T
ROOM ENOUGH
FOR BOTH OF US!

...VICTORY GAINS CONTROL OF THE
PLANE.



NOW FOR THAT
PIG THEY CALL
BARON VON KRUMM!

MEANWHILE VON KRUMM MAN-
EUVERS HIS SHIP ON TO VICTORY'S
TAIL



I'LL FINISH THAT
MEDDLESOME FOOL.
BARON VON KRUMM
IS NEVER BEATEN!



HE'S SET MY PLANE
A FIRE - THERE'S
ONLY ONE THING TO DO!



TEARING THE MACHINE GUN
FROM IT'S SOCKET MAJOR
VICTORY SENDS A BURST OF
LEAD INTO THE BARONS SHIP.

NOW FOR YOUR
MEDICINE, BARON!



AAAAAAGGGG!



MAJOR VICTORY LANDS HIS
BURNING SHIP IN A NEARBY
SWAMP.

THAT'S THE END OF
THE FIFTH COLUMNIST'S
RULE IN ALUMINO!



AND I'M READY TO
STRIKE HARD AT
THE ENEMIES OF
THE AMERICAN
WAY!

WELL DONE
MAJOR
VICTORY...
BUT OUR WORK
IS ONLY
BEGUN!

K-9

HIS MASTER KILLED BY A MURDEROUS SABOTEUR, K-9 SWIFTLY AND SILENTLY PICKS UP THE TRAIL THAT LEADS TO THE ONE THING HIS ANIMAL HEART UNDERSTANDS... VENGEANCE.

AS THE NATION SLEEPS, A UNIVERSAL MENACE LURKS NEAR A LARGE MUNITION DUMP...



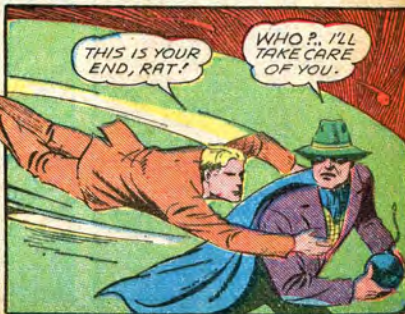
FOLLOWING A HUNCH, DICK STAR SEES...

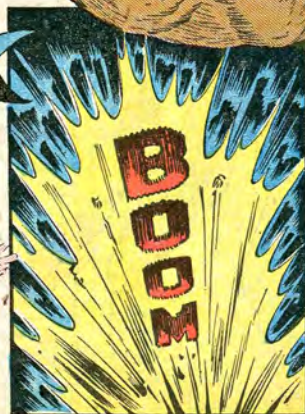
I HOPE K-9 IS WATCHING THE FRONT. I HAVE A FEELING... I'M RIGHT! THERE'S THE TERROR!



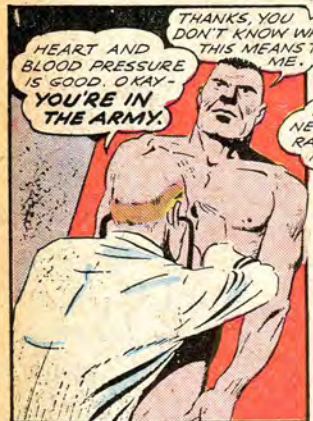
THIS IS YOUR END, RAT!

WHO P., I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU.





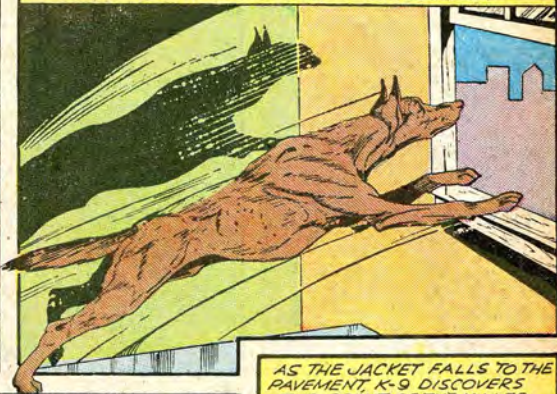




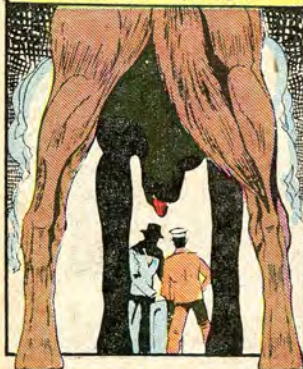
MEANWHILE, AT THE DOG HOSPITAL...



ALONE IN THE ROOM, K-9 LEAPS INTO ACTION. THE FAITHFUL DOG OF THE DEAD DETECTIVE YEARNS TO AVENGE HIS MASTER'S DEATH-IMMEDIATELY.



AS K-9 ENTERS THE STREET, HE CURIOUSLY STUDIES TWO RAG PICKERS NEAR THE RECRUITING STATION.



LOOK! A CHECKED JACKET! THE SECOND HAND DEALER SAID HE WOULDN'T BUY ANY JACKETS.

THROW IT AWAY THEN, CAN'T GET MUCH FOR IT. WE MIGHT AS WELL STICK TO THE BIG TIME SELLING THE SUITS DISCARDED BY THE SOLDIERS.



AS THE JACKET FALLS TO THE PAVEMENT K-9 DISCOVERS THE SCENT OF THE KILLER.



THE PERTURBED MIND OF K-9 WHIRLS AND SPINS. THE KILLER'S JACKET-BUT WHERE IS THE TERROR?



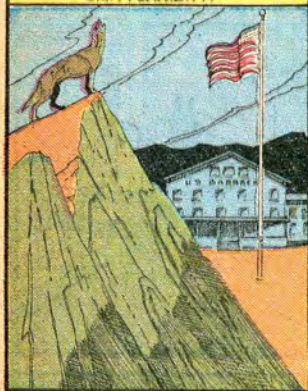
THE CLEVER DOG QUICKLY SOLVES HIS PROBLEM.



AND RACES TOWARD THE ARMY CAMP



K-9 ARRIVES AT THE SLEEPING CANTONMENT.



HAH! IN ONE MINUTE THIS PLACE WILL BE THE BARRACKS OF THE DEAD. WHAT THE? THE DOG AGAIN!



I'LL FINISH YOU THIS TIME - JUST LIKE I DID WITH THAT COPPER!



THIS'LL FIX YOU!



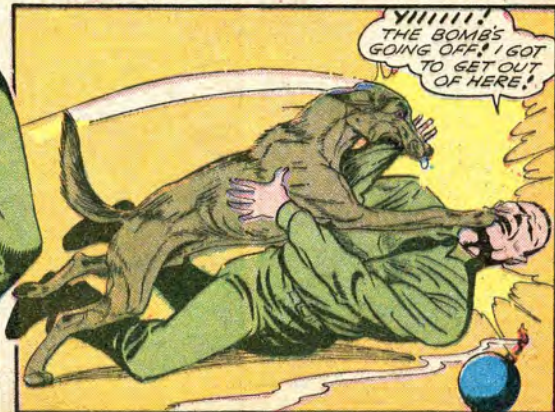
HA! THE BOMB AND ME ARE BOTH BLOWING OUT OF HERE!



BUT THE DOG OF VALOR HEROICALLY RETURNS TO BATTLE. REVENGE MUST BE HIS!



YIIIIII! THE BOMB'S GOING OFF! I GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!





AH, AT
LAST I GOT
YOU!

THE KILLER TURNS TO FLEE,
AND K-9 VALIANTLY TRIES
TO REACH THE BOMB.



H-A-H! I'LL FINISH
THE DOG THE WAY
I DID HIS MASTER!

K-9 CATCHES THE FUSE OF
THE BOMB IN HIS TEETH.



..AND HURLS IT TOWARDS THE
ESCAPING KILLER.



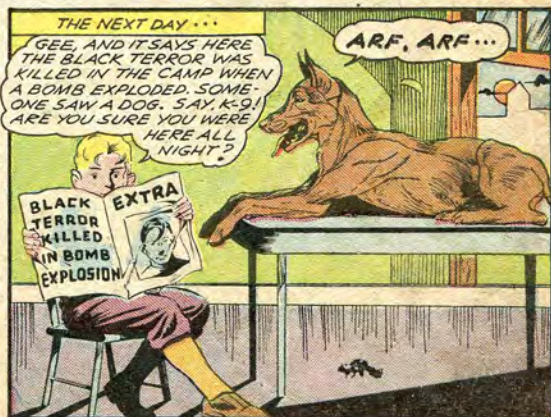
SOUNDS LIKE
SOMETHING SPUTTERING
BEHIND ME.
YIIIIII!



WHAT'S
HAPPENED?
LOOK AT THAT
DOG!

WHEW,
THERE'S A
BODY HERE!

K-9 SUDDENLY RACES FROM THE
ARMY CAMP BACK TO THE HOSPITAL.



THE NEXT DAY...

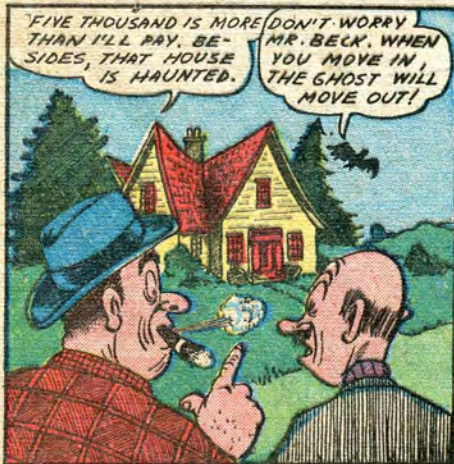
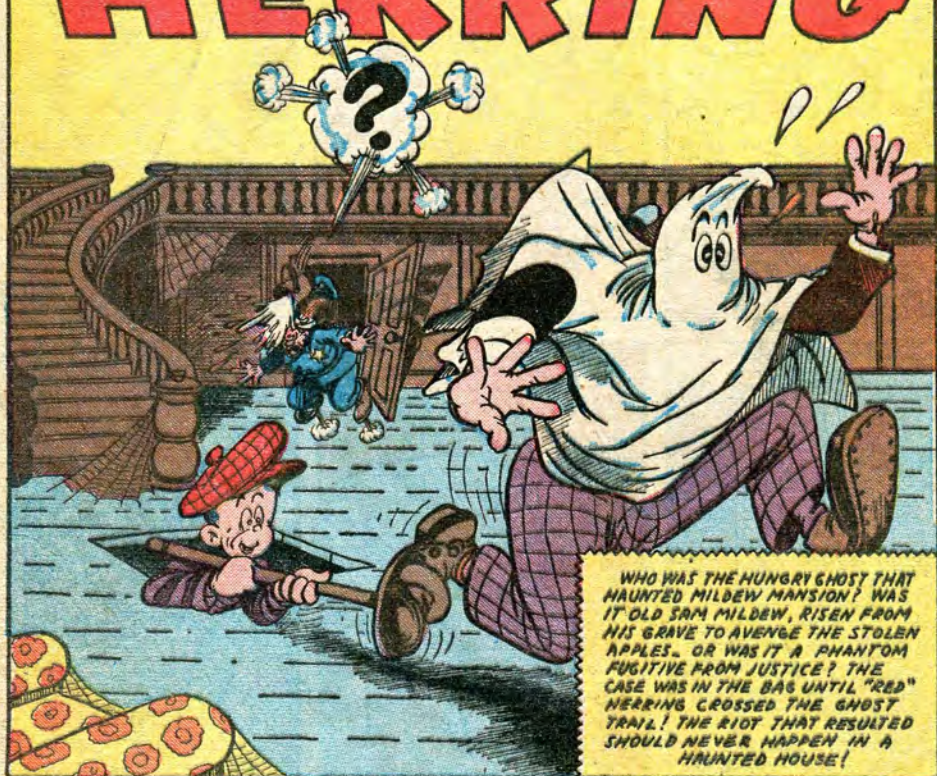
GEE, AND IT SAYS HERE
THE BLACK TERROR WAS
KILLED IN THE CAMP WHEN
A BOMB EXPLODED. SOME-
ONE SAW A DOG, SAY K-9!
ARE YOU SURE YOU WERE
HERE ALL NIGHT?

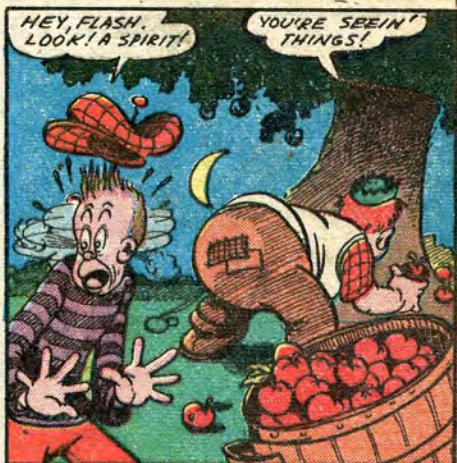
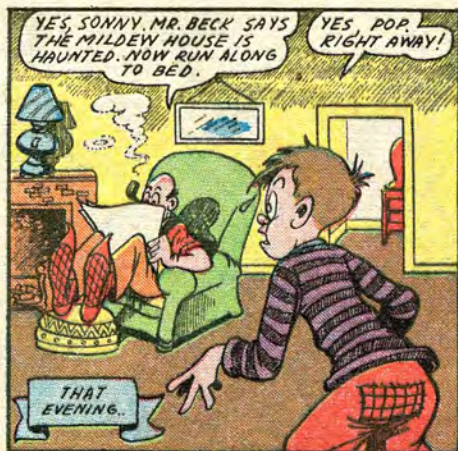
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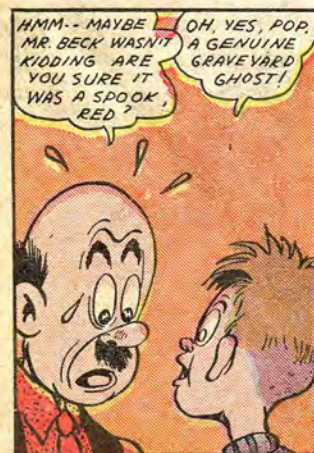
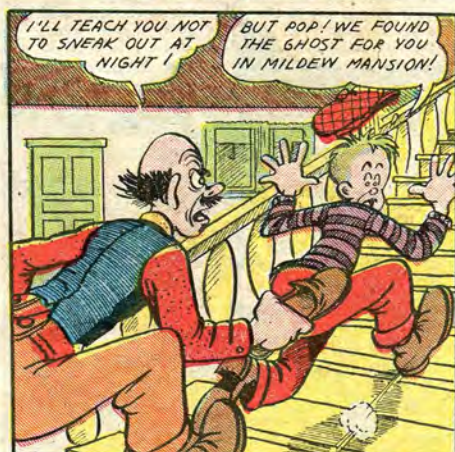
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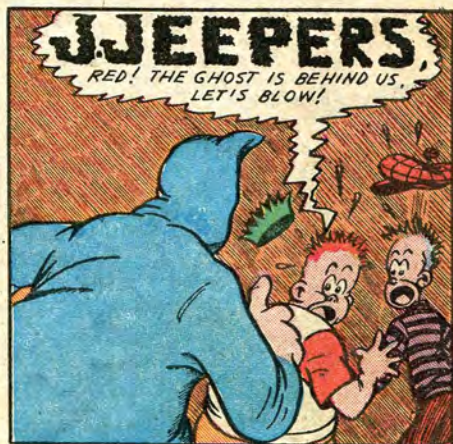
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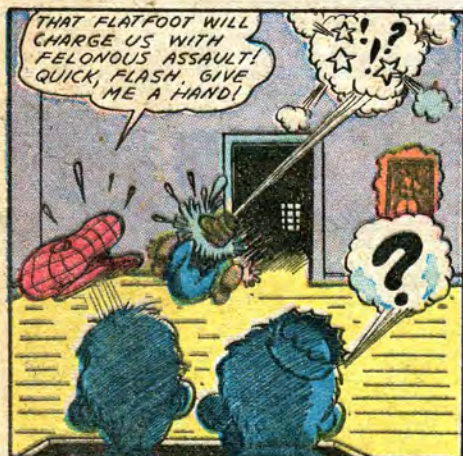
"RED" HERRING











SERGT BELL



HER ENGINES BROKEN BY A MURDEROUS SABOTEUR ON BOARD, A HELPLESS FREIGHTER WITH A LOAD OF REFUGEES LIES AT THE MERCY OF A U-BOAT. ONLY THE THICK FOG SEPARATES THE CREW AND PASSENGERS FROM A DEADLY TORPEDO, WITH ALL THIS STACKED AGAINST HIM SERGEANT BELL PLUNGES FEARLESSLY INTO THE STRUGGLE.



AT THE FLIGHT COMMANDER'S OFFICE AT AN R. A. F. BASE.

"S-O-S" FROM A BOAT LOAD OF REFUGEES ON THE HIGH SEAS. THEIR ENGINES BEEN SABOTAGED, THE MECHANICS KILLED AND A SUBS ON THEIR TRAIL.

WITH THE FOG OUT THERE, THEY'LL NEVER BE SPOTTED.



PLANE WOULD ATTRACT THE U-BOAT AND THEY WOULD SINK HER! YOU'RE AN ENGINEER, BELL, SO IT'S UP TO YOU TO GET ON BOARD SOMEHOW. WITH HER ENGINES REPAIRED, THEY MIGHT GIVE THE SUB THE SLIP.

I'LL DO ALL I CAN, SIR!



HAVING SECURED THE APPROXIMATE LOCATION, SERGEANT BELL SPEEDS ON HIS ERRAND OF MERCY.











IT'S TRUE!
KRANT WAS
BEHIND IT ALL.
I FOUND THE
BEAM IN HIS
CLOSET AND
I SMASHED
IT.

CAP. I WONDERED
WHERE YOU
WENT.



BY NOW THE
NAZIS KNOW
OUR POSITION
WELL.

I'VE GOT
AN IDEA!

WE'LL GO
UP ON DECK.



ON DECK, A FRANTIC PEOPLE
PLEAD IN VAIN.

WE KNOW IT
ALL NOW, WE'RE
DOOMED!

THEY'RE
RIGHT-WHAT
CAN WE DO?



SUMMON
THE CREW,
CAP!

AS YOU
SAY, ALL
HANDS ON
DECK!



SERGEANT BELL ISSUES
STRANGE INSTRUCTIONS TO
THE BEWILDERED CREW.

AS LONG AS THE FOG
REMAINS, WE CAN'T BE
SPOTTED BY THE U-BOAT.
SCATTER AROUND THE
DECK AND WATCH
FOR THE PERISCOPE.
WHEN YOU SEE IT,
YELL!



DESPITE THEIR GRUMBLING,
THE CREW HASTENS TO OBEY.

IF HE GETS
US OUT OF HERE,
IT'S GOOD
ENOUGH FOR ME.

SOUNDS
SCREWY
TO ME!



GOOD-- NOW
UP TO THE
BRIDGE!

HANDLE
THAT JAR WITH
CARE, IT'S
LOADED WITH
T. N. T.



MAKE THAT
ROPE TIGHT, SO
I DON'T SLIP
THROUGH!

"BEING TIED
TO THE MAST
ROPE WITH
A JAR OF
T. N. T., I DON'T
GET IT!"



WHEN YOU SIGHT THE SUB--
SHOVE ME OFF THE DECK!
EITHER WE GET THE SUB
OR THE SUB GETS
US!

A CRAZY
SCHEME, BUT
GOOD LUCK,
SERGEANT!

TENSE MOMENTS. ANKIOUS MINUTES ROLL BY AS STRAINED EYES SCAN THE SEA, WATCHING FOR A BREAK IN THE FOG.



ANY MINUTE NOW.

SUDDENLY, THE HEAVY MIST RISES SLOWLY REVEALING THE OMINOUS PERISCOPE.



NO SOONER DOES THE WARNING DIE DOWN, WHEN THE MEN ON THE UPPER DECK ACT.



PERISCOPE TO THE STARBOARD!



FROM A PLANE TO THIS ... AM I SLIPPING.



A PRESENT FOR YOU, BABIES, IF YOU DON'T GET US FIRST!

A VIOLENT EXPLOSION THROWS BITS OF THE SHATTERED U-BOAT HIGH IN THE AIR.



ON SWAYING BACK TO THE FREIGHTER, THE SERGEANT IS GREETED BY AN ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD.



WE'RE SAVED HE DID IT!

HOORAY FOR THE R.A.F.!



IT'S AN R.A.F. PLANE!

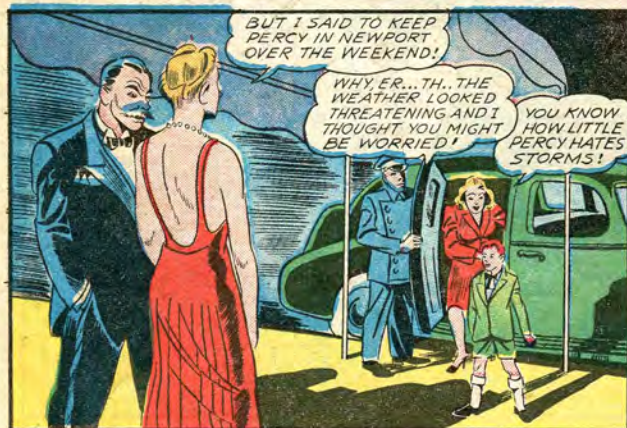
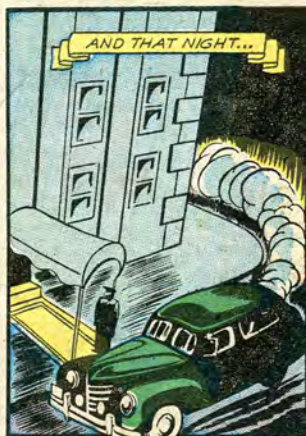
THEY'VE COME FOR ME, CAPTAIN. YOUR ENGINES ARE OKAY NOW. BON VOYAGE AND STAY OUT OF THE SUB LANES!

WITH MEN LIKE YOU IN THE R.A.F. THEY'LL STAY OUT OF OUR WAY!



THE UNHOLY 3





AS THE UNHOLY THREE BUSY THEMSELVES ON THE INSIDE, OTHERS MAKE PLANS - ON THE OUTSIDE.

WE KEEP OUT OF SIGHT UNTIL YOU GIVE THE SIGNAL, EH, BREEN...ER, I MEAN BARON.

RIGHT! THEN YOU BOYS RUSH IN AND GRAB HUDSON. TREAT HIM ROUGH, HE'S GOT TO GIVE US THE COMBINATION OF THE SAFE!

MR. AND MRS. HUDSON, THIS IS A PLEASURE.

WELCOME BARON. YOU'RE JUST IN TIME.

HE SURE DOES! LOOK FISHY!

COME ON. WE'RE SERVANTS, REMEMBER?

AS THE BARON ENTERS...

SERVANTS ENTRANCE

THE MEAL PROGRESSES REMARKABLY WELL UNDER THE HANDS OF FLASH AND PEARL...

YOUR HOSPITALITY WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED, MRS. HUDSON.

IT ISN'T OFTEN THAT ONE HAS SUCH A DISTINGUISHED GUEST.

...UNTIL....

CLUMSY FOOL!

OH! THE POOR BARON IS BEING TOASTED!

HEAVENS... WHAT WAS THAT?

COOK PROBABLY DROPPED A SPOON.

CRASH

WE'RE GOING TO LET THE BARON SEE LITTLE PERCY. FIND OUT IF THE COOK NEEDS HELP.

COME, BARON. THE LITTLE TYKE IS UPSTAIRS.

YES, MAM.

WOW! WHAT HAPPENED... AN EARTHQUAKE?

NOTHING... I SLIPPED! DID YOU LEARN ANYTHING?

BARON... PHOOEY! THAT GUY IS BREEN, THE JEWEL THIEF. HE IS WEARING A FAKE BEARD AND IT ALMOST CAME OFF WHEN I SPILLED THE SOUP ON HIM!

WELL, WELL. WE'LL TRAP HIM COLD, THIS TIME!

INSIDE THE KITCHEN...



SWIFTLY, THE MASTER MAKE UP ARTISTS DON THEIR DISGUISES...

YOU'RE LIABLE TO CRAB OUR ACT, LITTLE ONE... SO, JUST STAY HERE AND AMUSE YOURSELF!

WE LOOK MORE LIKE THE HUDSONS THAN THEY DO THEMSELVES... C'MON, FLASH... LET'S GIVE THE BARON A SURPRISE.

YOU HAVE PUT THE CHILD TO BED?

YES, BARON... AND NOW YOU!

DON'T MIND HIM... HE'S ALWAYS JOKING!

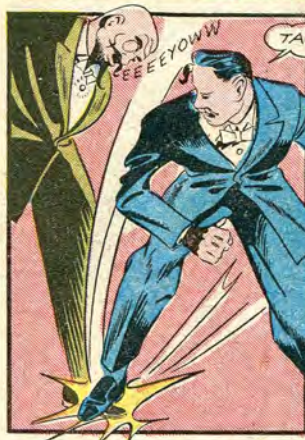
... AND JOIN THE BARON AS MR. AND MRS. HUDSON.

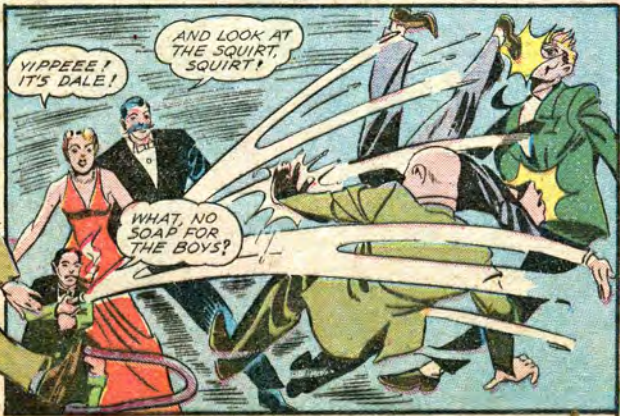
READY, MEN... SEIZE THESE FOOLS!

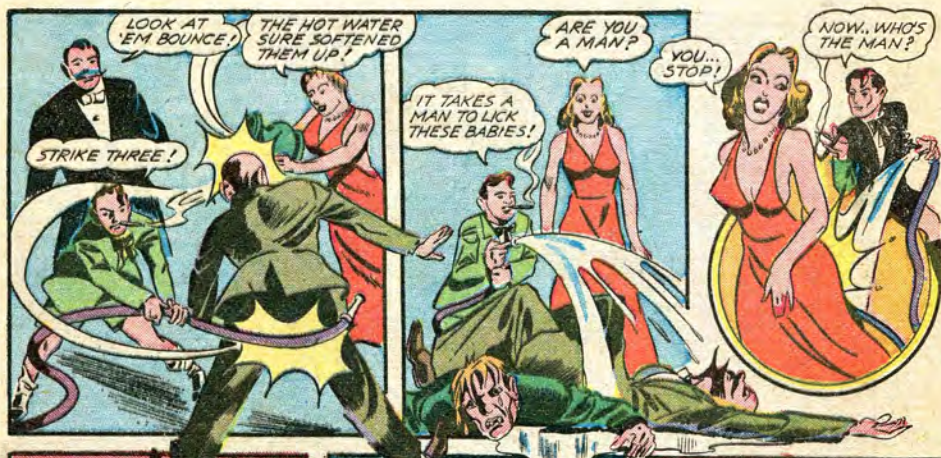
IT'S BEGINNING!

SUDDENLY, THE CRAFTY FOREIGNER BARKS AN ORDER...

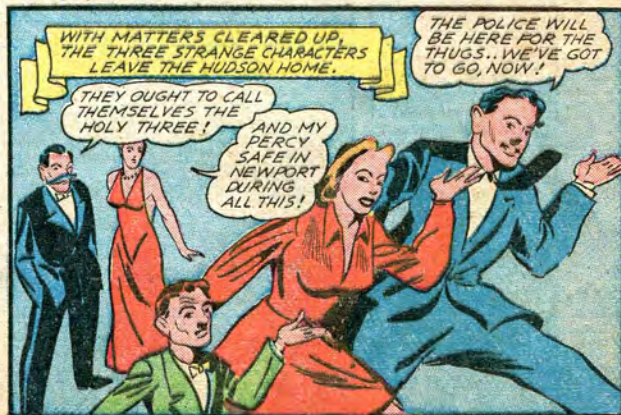
BULL'S EYE!







RELEASING THE HUDSONS FROM THE CLOSET, FLASH BRINGS THEM DOWNSTAIRS.





A WEB OF MYSTERY SHROUDS THE WEIRD FIGURE WHO DWELS IN THE OZARK WILDS. IS SHE THE BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER OF THE LATE DOCTOR GODDARD, ECCENTRIC COLLECTOR OF INSECTS? NO ONE KNOWS, FOR THE SPIDER WOMAN'S VICTIMS ARE TOO TERRIFIED TO TALK!

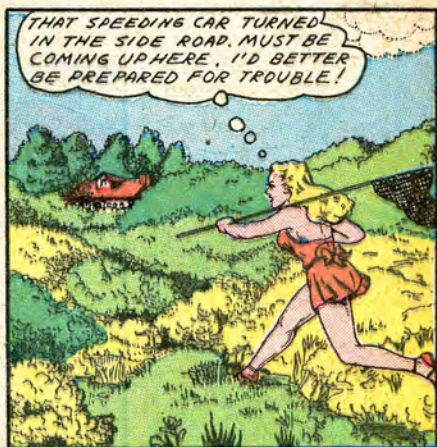
STACCATO SHOTS ROAR IN THE MAIN STREET OF A MISSOURI TOWN....

IT'S EARL PARKER'S GANG!

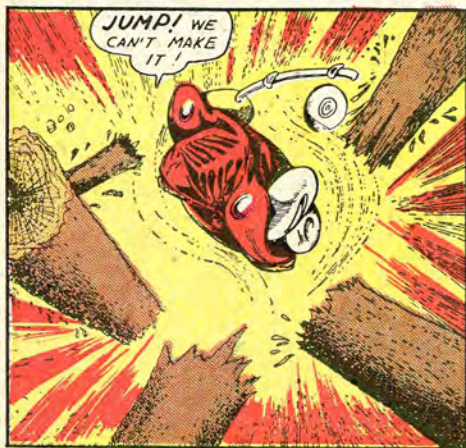
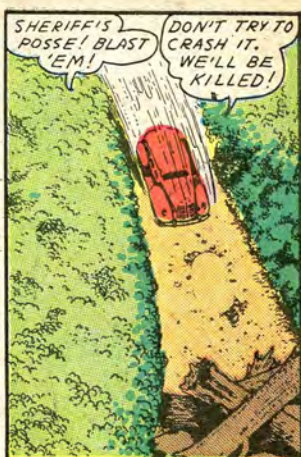
BANK HOLDUP! THEY KILLED THE CASHIER!

I GOT THE DOUGH, GOPHER! SHOVE THAT KID INTO THE CAR!

YEAH, EARL! THEY WON'T DARE GUN US IF WE'VE GOT A HOST-AGE!



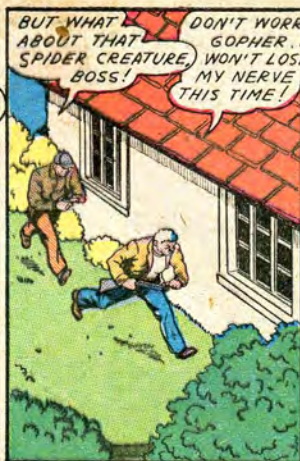






I'LL CACHE
THE LOOT
HERE.

YEAH...WE'VE
GOT TO GET
THAT KID BE-
FORE THE
SHERIFF BRINGS
HIS BLOODHOUNDS!



BUT WHAT
ABOUT THAT
SPIDER CREATURE,
BOSS!

DON'T WORRY,
GOPHER. I
WON'T LOSE
MY NERVE
THIS TIME!



UNLOCKED!
WATCH OUT.
MAYBE THIS IS
A TRAP!

NUTS! I CAN
BLAST ANY-
THING WITH
THIS SAWED
OFF SHOTGUN
FOLLOW ME!



AAGH! I ALMOST
WALKED INTO THAT
THING!



UGH? THE HUGE ONE!
WAIT FOR ME, GOPHER!
SHOOT THAT THING!



I...I GUESS THAT
MONSTER MUST'VE
KILLED THE KID
ANYWAY!

GUESS AGAIN.
I JUST SAW HIM
LOOKING OUT A
FRONT WINDOW.



GO OUT TO THE
BACK DOOR, JIMMY
PAST THE BIG
TREE. PRETEND
YOU'RE ESCAPING.

THEN YOU'LL
SPRING THE
TRAP? OKAY.
HERE I GO!



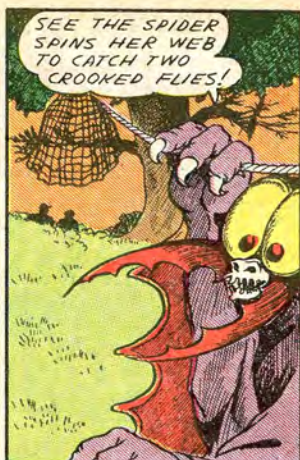
I'LL CATCH HIM, SOPHER DON'T SHOOT!

HOW'D HE ESCAPE FROM THAT SPIDER?

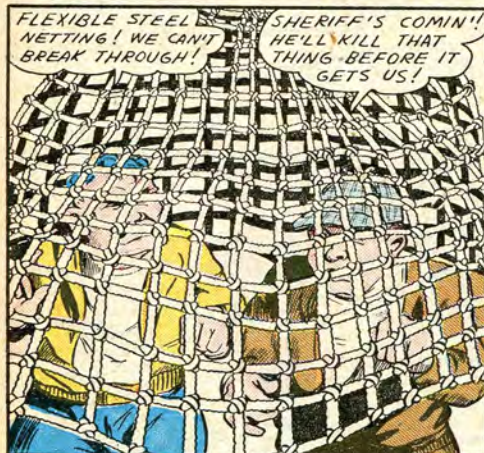


COME HERE, YOU LITTLE BRAT!

G-GOSH THEY'VE GOT ME CORNERED!



SEE THE SPIDER SPINS HER WEB TO CATCH TWO CROOKED FLIES!



FLEXIBLE STEEL NETTING! WE CAN'T BREAK THROUGH!

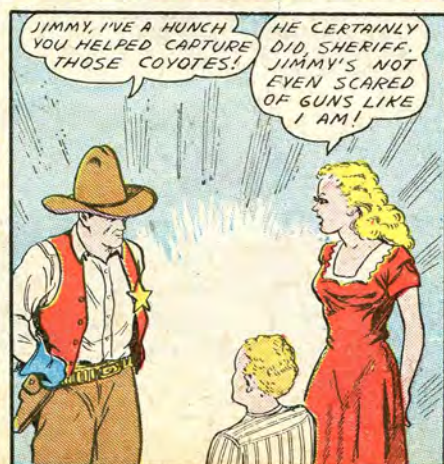
SHERIFF'S COMIN'! HE'LL KILL THAT THING BEFORE IT GETS US!



KEEP 'EM COVERED UNTIL I MANACLE 'EM, MEN. DOC GODDARD'S GAL CAUGHT 'EM IN A WILDCAT SNARE.



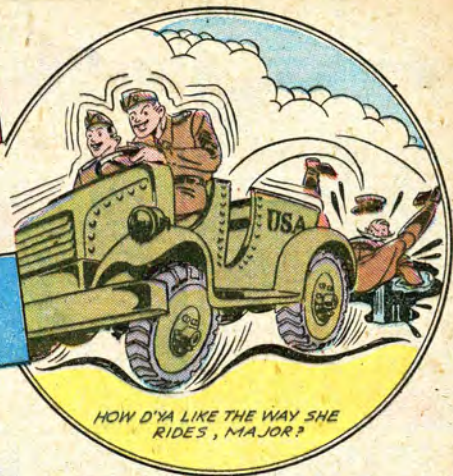
WELL I'LL BE DURNED! THEY WERE SCARED STIFF. I CAN'T FIGURE WHAT PUT THAT FEAR INTO 'EM!



JIMMY, I'VE A HUNCH YOU HELPED CAPTURE THOSE COYOTES!

HE CERTAINLY DID, SHERIFF. JIMMY'S NOT EVEN SCARED OF GUNS LIKE I AM!

YOU'RE IN THE ARMY Now



SCOOP DALEY

A
PIERCING SCREAM
AT MIDNIGHT
ON A
DESERTED
STREET
IN OCCUPIED
FRANCE,
HURLE SCOOP
DALEY,
THE AMERICAN
CORRESPONDENT,
INTO A GIGANTIC
STRUGGLE
TO PREVENT
THE COLLAPSE
OF DEMOCRACY'S
HIDDEN ARMY.



BAH! THESE
CENSORED REPORTS
ARE THE BUNK.
ALL I SEND BACK
TO THE U.S.A. IS
WHAT THEY TELL
ME! BOY, I SURE
WOULD LIKE TO
HIT ON... HEY...

AS SCOOP DALEY RETURNS
TO HIS HOTEL FROM THE
AMERICAN PRESS CLUB.

A HOLDUP!

HELP!





THE AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT AND THE GIRL ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE.



NEVER MIND THE GIRL—HE'S THE ONE WE WANT!

I'M NOT AT ALL GLAD I'M SO POPULAR!



BEAT HIM WITHIN AN INCH OF HIS LIFE!

THIS WILL TEACH HIM TO MIND HIS BUSINESS.



SWIFTLY, THE COLD BLOOD-ED GUARDS CLOSE IN TO MAKE THE KILL.

I'M SHOT



NICE WORK, SISTER, BUT HOW COME?

I STOLE THE GUN FROM THEIR BOAT, OUR MISSION IS TOO IMPORTANT TO LET THEIR LIVES STAND IN OUR WAY.



HEY WHAT'S THAT FOR?

RAP! RAP! RAP! RAP! RAP!



WELL I'LL BE---

SEE, MY FRIEND, CIRCUMSTANCES FORCE US TO DWELL LIKE RATS IN TRAPS, BUT SOMEDAY WE SHALL RISE AGAIN! COME ENTER!







A SOLEMN SCOOP DALEY WATCHES A LOYAL BAND GIVE UP THEIR LIVES FOR A WORTHY CAUSE.



LATER THAT EVENING, A FIGURE CLIMBS THE BELLERY OF AN OLD FRENCH CHURCH.



LATER, AT A SECLUDED COASTAL SPOT, THE AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT TURNS OVER HIS YARN TO A WAITING SHIP.





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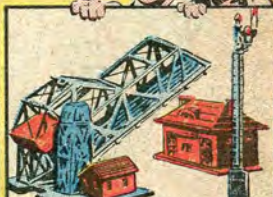
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